MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE MAP LIERARY DIVISION

September 1958

- 1. Requests for maps and related materials continued to increase during September. The Reference Branch serviced 1.377 map requests, with 28,206 map sheets, and forwarded 227 related geographic publications in response to 110 requests for this material. Interest in material on the Far East remained high, especially for the islands of Quemoy, Matsu, and surrounding areas. Place Name requests totalled 132, and miscellaneous reference questions, 252.
- 2. In addition, there were 8L transactions involving the servicing of material from the Air Targets Collection. 1,973 maps and 68 textual items were distributed.
- J. It has been decided to retire to the Records Center outdated CNA Sample File maps and the surplus stock of current CNA maps. The Reference Branch will recommend the quantities to be maintained in the Map Library. Both Sample File copies and quantity stock of these maps may be recalled from the Records Center, on a 2h-hour basis. The transfer of this material will relieve the pressing space problem of the CNA Collection Unit, but at the same time will increase this Unit's record keeping responsibilities.
- 4. The continuing increase month after month in the total number of requests for maps and related geographic materials on a retention basis has caused a marked expansion in the work of both the CIA Collection Unit and Distribution Unit. During the past three years, requests for CIA maps have increased by 90%. The steady rise in these requests has placed added demands on the CIA Collection Unit to the point where the workload has become more than one man can handle. This month the Unit supplied 18,263 map sheets, in response to 658 requests, and handled 32,948 incoming wheets for stock requirements. The Distribution Unit, which supplies retention copies of maps other than CIA maps, supplied 9,680 items in response to 337 requests.
- 5. The Processing Branch added 723 new map titles, comprising 2,438 sheets, to the Loan Copy Collection. In addition, 136 new CIA maps were processed and 199 new SAC charts were indexed.
- 6. The Foreign Procurement Branch received 5,577 foreign published maps during September. Among the leading countries from which maps were received are Finland, Denmark, and Argentina. During the first nine months of 1958, 51,419 maps were received from foreign sources. This is more than the total received in 1957.

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7. A 1:4,000,000 map of China, published in January 1958, and an atlas published in October 1957 constitute the best materials received out of China in the last five years. Also received were:

1) a 1:1,000,000 sheet of the Soviet Afghan border area, published by the Voyenno-topograficheskays sluzhba (Military Topographic Service) in 1954, classified CONFIDENTIAL/NOFORN: and 2) 1:1,000,000 Russian and Polish maps appearing on the same sheet, published by the Military Cartographic Enterprise in Poland (Wojskowe Zaklady Kartograficzne, WZK), and bearing a 1955 date on the Russian sheet, are intended to accompany a Polish-Soviet boundary agreement of 5 March 1957, concerning the border in a section adjoining the Baltic Sea.

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10. Outgoing communications for September totalled 254. 224 items related to foreign procurement; and 30, to domestic correspondence.

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